

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Amendment of Section 73.622(b),	)	MB Docket No. 02-129
Table of Allotments,	)	RM-10437
Digital Television Broadcast Stations.	)	
(Wilmington, North Carolina)	)	

**REPORT AND ORDER**  
**(Proceeding Terminated)**

**Adopted: January 10, 2003**

**Released: January 16, 2003**

By the Chief, Video Division:

1. At the request of Raycom America, Inc. ("Raycom"), licensee of station WECT(TV), Wilmington, North Carolina, the Commission has before it the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 17 FCC Rcd 10449 (2002), proposing the substitution of DTV channel 44 for station WECT's assigned DTV channel 54. Raycom filed comments supporting its request to change channels. No other comments were received.

2. We believe the public interest would be served by substituting DTV channel 44 for DTV channel 54 since it will facilitate the Commission's goal of clearing out-of-core television spectrum for new uses. DTV channel 44 can be allotted to Wilmington, North Carolina, as proposed, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirement of Section 73.625(a) at coordinates 34-19-16 N. and 78-13-43 W. In addition, we find that this channel is acceptable under the 2 percent criterion for *de minimis* impact that is applied in evaluating requests for modification of initial DTV allotments under Section 73.623(c)(2) for Station WECT-DT with the following specifications:

<u>State &amp; City</u>	<u>DTV Channel</u>	<u>DTV power (kW)</u>	<u>Antenna HAAT (m)</u>	<u>DTV Service Pop. (thous.)</u>
NC Wilmington	44	33	290	328

3. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61, 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS ORDERED, That effective March 3, 2003, the DTV Table of Allotments, Section 73.622(b) of the Commission's Rules, IS AMENDED, with respect to the community listed below, to read as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Channel No.</u>
Wilmington, North Carolina	*29, 30, 44, 46

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That within 45 days of the effective date of this *Order*, Raycom America, Inc. shall submit to the Commission a minor change application for a construction permit (FCC Form 301) specifying DTV Channel 44 in lieu of DTV Channel 54 for station WECT-DT.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this proceeding IS TERMINATED.

6. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Pam Blumenthal, Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

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